current system of health professional statistics for North Carolina to be available for health planning and program development purposes. Through these efforts of the independent professional licensure boards, key state governmental agencies, the University of North Carolina, the North Carolina Hospital Association, and the Duke Endowment, our state has one of the most comprehensive and longest term systems of health professional data in the nation. All of these organizations deserve our appreciation for making certain that this valuable informational resource is available and accessible to all individuals and organizations who need this information for planning or program development purposes.

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